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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
M. R. FREDERICK DODWELL has
This Day resumed Charge of our
Business at this Port.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1887. 199

NOTICE.
I HAVE THIS DAY commenced Business
as STOCKBROKER.
APCAR G. APOAR,
Beaconsfield Arcade.
Hongkong, February 1, 1887. 186

INSTRUCTIONS.
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER
CENT. or \$1.20 per Share, declared at
the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be Pay-
able at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION on or after THURS-
DAY, the 3rd Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at
the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 2, 1887. 188

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eight-
eenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above-named
Company will be held at the Company's
Office situate in Pedder's Street, Victoria,
in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY,
the 22nd day of February, 1887, at 12.30
of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a
Statement of Accounts to the 31st Decem-
ber, 1886, the Report of the General Man-
agers, and to elect a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

NOTICE is hereby also given that at
the same place and in the same day at
12.45 o'clock in the Afternoon or so soon
afterwards as the Ordinary Annual Meeting
shall be concluded, an EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the Company
will be held for the purpose of passing the
aforesaid Resolution.

Should the resolution be passed by the
required majority it will be submitted for
confirmation as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION to a
SECOND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING which
will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.
That the Articles of Association be altered
in manner following:—

(a.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 111, namely—111.

The Reserve Fund shall consist of a sum
of not less than \$1,000,000 nor more than \$1,500,000.

(b.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 112, namely—112.

The Reserved Fund having now
reached the sum of \$1,000,000 the
General Managers and the Consulting
Committee may appropriate from time to
time so much of the profits as they
may deem desirable to the Reserve
Fund until the said Fund shall amount to
the sum of \$1,500,000, provided
always that such annual appropriation
shall not exceed 10 per Cent. of the
said profits.

(c.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 115, namely—116.

The said Reserve Fund shall be partici-
pated in by each member of the
Board of Directors in proportion to
the number of shares held by each.

(d.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 116, namely—116.

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pated in by each member of the
Board of Directors in proportion to
the number of shares held by each.

(e.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 117, namely—117.

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Board of Directors in proportion to
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(f.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 118, namely—118.

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the number of shares held by each.

(g.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 119, namely—119.

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Board of Directors in proportion to
the number of shares held by each.

(h.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 120, namely—120.

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(i.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 121, namely—121.

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(j.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 122, namely—122.

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(k.) The following Article shall be substituted
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(l.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 124, namely—124.

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(m.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 125, namely—125.

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the number of shares held by each.

(n.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 126, namely—126.

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(o.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 127, namely—127.

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(p.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 128, namely—128.

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for Article No. 130, namely—130.

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(s.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 131, namely—131.

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(t.) The following Article shall be substituted
for Article No. 132, namely—132.

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(y.) The following Article shall be substituted
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(ll.) The following Article shall be substituted
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(oo.) The following Article shall be substituted
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(vv.) The following Article shall be substituted
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the

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
11th and 12th February, 1887,
will be held from 8 to 12 P.M.
FAIR AND FETE
A
IN AID OF THE ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
OR CAN. FUND.

The Fair will be held in St. George's Hall, which will be converted for the occasion into 'A MEDIEVAL VILLAGE.' Presided over by Rusticus, Rusticus, Italian, Dances of the Red Cross, Virgandines, La Fille du Regiment, Watteau Shop-bairnes, Flower Girls, the Seasons, Ladies of the Last Century, &c., &c.

A WHEEL OF FORTUNE,
Under the superintendence of
MOTHER HUBBARD, DAME TROT, AND
MOTHER GOOSE.

A GIBSY ENCAMPMENT.

FORTUNE TELLING..... WELL OF TRUTH
WEIGHING CHAIR, &c., &c.IN THE THEATRE
will be performed at 10 P.M. on each
evening.AN ENTIRELY NEW AND ORIGINAL
BUREAUCRATIC ENTERTAINMENT
THE LILY OF THE (HAPPY)
VALLEY;THE TEST, THE TOLT, AND THE TAIPEH.
By the Author of 'Buttercup Bower.'IN THE ST. ANDREW'S HALL
PANORAMA DESCRIPTIVE OF THE
WAR IN THE SUDAN.Specially painted for this occasion by
HERCULUS KLEIN, of London.ADMISSION. ONE DOLLAR.
Children, soldiers, sailors, and police,
50 Cents.TICKETS may be obtained from MESSRS
KELLY & WALSH; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.;
and W. BREWER.TIKETS for the burlesque may be obtained
from MESSRS KELLY & WALSH.DRESS Circus (numbered and re-
served)..... 51.

STAFF..... 50 Cents.

A SPECIAL AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE OF
THE PANORAMA FOR CHILDREN will take
place on SATURDAY, 12th February, at
5 P.M. Admission, 50 Cents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1887. 173

To-day's Advertisements.

SALINGER'S ENGLISH OPERA
BOUFFE COMPANY.THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALLTo-night,
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCET U E S D A Y,
8th February, 1887.Business Manager, Mr. N. SALINGER.
Stage Manager, Mr. ARTHUR RIGBY.ANOTHER GRAND CHANGE OF
PROGRAMME.The pieces selected for this occasion will be
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S 'AESTHETIC
COMIC OPERA' in Two Acts,
entitled:PATIENCE,
OR
BUNTHORPE'S BRIDE.

Characters:

Colonel Calpeley
Major Mur-
tagh
Lieut. the
Duke of
Dunstable
Reginald
Bunthorne
Archibald
Grosvenor
Lady Jane
Lady Angela
Lady Saphir
PatienceA. F. Frank
J. E. E. E.
Mr. George
WiltonOfficers of
Dragon GuardsMr. Herbert
SutlerA. F. Arthur
Rigby

Poet

An Idyllic
PoetMrs. N. St.
LinerMiss Lewa
Salter

Lady Saphir

Maidens

Miss Alice
EmmettA. F. Dairy
MaidMiss Tilly
Sutler

Chorus of Dragon Guards

SPLENDID NEW COSTUMES AND
APPOINTMENTS.

Musical Director, Mr. H. W. Powys Wood.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls, 82.

Back Seats, 51.

Military and Sailors in Uniform, Half.

Price to Back Seats only.

Reserved Seats may be booked at MESSRS
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, where a Plan
of the Hall may be seen.

Doors open at 8.30, to commence at 9.

THURSDAY, the 10th February,

First Grand Production of GILBERT AND
SULLIVAN'S LATEST JAPANESE OPERA

THE 'M. K. K. A. D. O.'

ON

THE TOWN OF TURK.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887. 208

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 23rd February, 1887, at 11 a.m., on

BOARD—

THE BRITISH THREE-MASTED
SCHOONER

WANDERING MINSTREL,

of 362 Tons Register, Built in 1875, and

Now Sheathed with Yellow Metal,

and all the TACKLE AND APPAREL

as the ship lies in the Harbour, near

the CONSTITUTION DOCK.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third of the Pur-

chase Money to be paid after fall of han-

dover, the remainder upon transfer of the

Vessel to be Purchaser's risk immediately

after being knocked down.

A STAM LAUNCH will have Pudders

Wharf at 10.45 a.m.; for further Particu-

lars, apply to the AUCTIONEER,

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 5, 1887.

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Furness, Captain Haines, will be
despatched for the abovePorts on MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers through rates
for CHEFOE, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTSE.)The Co.'s Steamship
Canton, Captain BRENNER, will be
despatched for the above on
MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY (ONLY).

The Co.'s Steamship
Beverly, Captain HAMLIN, will be
despatched for the above on
MONDAY, the 7th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

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NETT RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debts contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:ANNE, German barque, Captain J. F.
Kroncke, Wicker & Co.DANISH MONARCH, British steamer, Capt.
W. B. Bungoye—Adams, Bell & Co.J. H. HOWERS, American barque, Capt.
John A. Pugh—Gomvalves & Co.SARAH HONEY, American ship, Capt. A.
Morgan—Ed. Schellman & Co.VENTURA, Spanish barque, Captain R.
Estival—Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 4, 1887:

Ningpo, British steamer, 761, W. Potts,
Wulu January 30, Rice—SIEMSEN & CO.

February 5:

Canton, British steamer, from Whampoa,
Norden, Danish steamer, from Whampoa,Iduna, German steamer, 297, N. Enke,
Haiphong February 2, General—A. R.
MARTY.TANIS, French steamer, 1,429, A. Paul,
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Hollow February 3, General—CHINESE.

DEPARTURES.

February 5:

Denish Mourier, for Saigon,
Ningpo, for Whampoa.

CIAU-HUAH.

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day. And, finally, it is stated that the long-talked-of line between Tokyō and Hachijo is likely to pass at length from the region of rumour into that of practical incision. This road has been on the cards since the year before last. The evident purpose of it was, when it offered, to be a transway line. Soon, however, the insufficiency of tram-cars for such a route was discovered, and the project took the form of a railway. A petition was presented to the authorities by the former tram-car company, and simultaneously another application for the same concession was preferred by a different body of speculators. The Government, puzzled to decide between the competitors, adopted the sensible plan of calling them that they had better combine, and renew their petition in a joint form. Considerable difficulty, however, seems to have been experienced in elaborating a common ground of action, and the *Wise Men* have, as yet, been unable to agree on a definite scheme. Meanwhile, we hear of the Kiusha railway projectors ordering their plant, and of associations being formed in several other places. If railways come into fashion, the value of loan bonds and such securities will doubtless decline—a result for which capitalists ought to be always prepared.

FRAGRANT WATERS MURMUR.

That it sounds strangely to hear the Hongkong Commissioner to the Colonies is unable to give a precise list of his own exhibitors.

That the printers of the Official Catalogue made a bad hole of the name of the Hongkong exhibitors, but that surely the Special Commissioner could have supplied the correct name.

That a strong feeling exists against any judicial power being conferred upon any Head of a Government Department outside of the Courts, but that special diseases sometimes need special cures.

That if such power be granted, it should be hedged around as carefully as strict provisions can hedge it.

That the Vice Superintendent will need all his latest tips from Captain Shaw to maintain the Brigades in the efficient state attained by his *locum tenens*.

That the first forcible exercise by the Acting Gaol Superintendent of his special power to whip recalcitrant prisoners was well timed, and must prove to be a powerful deterrent in all cases of disobedience and mutiny.

That this early experience of the Acting Governor of the Gaol must have been trying to so young an Officer, but that his action receives the hearty sanction of the community.

That Mr Price, in transmitting the approximate estimates of the larger public works and buildings which the Government has in contemplation, wisely adds 'or which have been under consideration.'

That among those which have been, will certainly be classed the \$400,000 for a new prison, for it is most improbable that any such undertaking will meet with the sanction of the ratepayers until the deterrent means of whipping, to make the present Gaol less of a pale of ease than at present, has been tried.

That considering the very free use lately made of revolvers by Chinese, it seems very desirable that the law at one time in force restricting the sale of fire-arms should at once be re-imposed.

That if the number of purchasers bear any close ratio to the number of revolvers exposed for sale in the shops in Queen's Road West, the Chinese must be doing a roaring trade in that inconveniently deadly little weapon.

That the approaching Fete and Fair for the Cathedral Organ will not doubt bring about a display of this community's accustomed liberality.

That, despite the heavy calls that have lately been imposed upon it, the community have no need to be reminded that, though 'Charity begins at home,' there is no law human or divine constraining it to end there.

That the tastes of all classes will be attended to by the bilious and the anti-bilious will alike be cured for—old tea, hot salade, and many other delicacies will be dispensed by the hands of Hongkong's fairest daughters, at prices too insignificant to mention.

That Cranberry's will 'gratinate' all over the place 'till skintilate' and for nothing' at the moderate charge of one dollar for first-class facsimile, and fifty cents for second-class.

That even the 'Scotch' bodies in our midst are to be willing contributors of their substance to this prelate's 'kif fu' whoush'st.'

That Music and Drawing will be taught by Crabtree and Son, and the praises of the Charivari will be sung by a long-haired, turned-down-collared, griffin post, who has been carefully trained on Sun-flowers, and entered for this race only.

That the Poet is as well primed with the divine afflits' as the good Alfred is with his harmless jokelots, and that the effriss of both can be safely recommended alike to invalids and children of tender years.

That this day marks on us in the history of the Colony, when the first so-going fighting ship built in Hongkong takes the water.

That the Admiralty might note the fact and send one of their spare orders this way, if but to show what our local Chief Constructor can do, besides making the new Admiralty Dock for Home-built ships.

That David at one time was a little man, but spite of that he slew the Giant, and grew to be a big King.

That the air is full of warlike rumours, but that notwithstanding most people seem to think that the time is not yet, though there is no saying whether the necessities of Russia and the recklessness of France may lead.

That the Peking Authorities will be wise to put down with a strong hand the over-reaching attempts of their subordinates to misconstrue the provisions of the Chinese Opium Convention.

That the Fair Sox will not say 'shall' and 'may' possess quite the same significance, because, in matters matrimonial, if a nice young man says 'I may marry you,' it has not quite the same meaning as that of the more welcome phrase 'I shall lead you to the altar.'

That the Fair Sox clearly have not yet mastered the curious turns of legal expression.

That the Stock Market throughout the week has, on the whole, been quiet.

That the chief feature has been the inspired encouragement of the Bank's intended 30% dividend, with a provision of \$500,000 to meet the Manila losses, \$300,000 of which to be taken from the earnings of the half year and the balance to be made up by the absorption of the equalisation fund.

That this result has proved both rumours current from time to time during the past six months to have been correct, namely, that the Bank was 'coining money,' and that the Manila losses would exceed expectations.

That had the Bank not done extremely well it could not have afforded to pay a 30% dividend after providing \$300,000 from its profits.

That the reduced dividend and possible loss of five lakhs present a melancholy picture of branch agency financing, very discouraging to shareholders and disengaging as to the real value of the 'all bad and doubtful debts provided' statement which accompanies each half-year's accounts.

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That Banks would have already risen materially on the worst being known, and on the basis of a handsome statement of revenue, pointing to an early return to the 23, but for the political anxiety that naturally exists, and which has in the fulness of time it may transpire how a certain 'charmed circle' became aware of the pending dividend before the general public or even the Directors.

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That the subject of alert sales of this stock at low prices has been the cause of constant public comment, and it is now not surprising to hear it rumoured that the short-sellers are conscientiously tendering their friendly advice and exercising their influence in favour of the lower dividend.

That it is ridiculous to suppose that such interested induce can have a moment's consideration.

That the shareholders are reported to be determined to criticise accounts closely and to be unwilling to abide by any undue writing down of property (especially the new dock) to purposely reduce the dividend.

That shareholders generally are becoming more and more difficult to deal with when dividends are not in accordance with their views, and if accounts give them a loophole for protest against the new dock to purposely reduce the dividend.

That Panjoms have undergone a moderate respite.

That late last Saturday afternoon there were indications of a run down from 17 to 10 cash and to 14 or 12 for June, in consequence of rumours of an unfavourable telegraphed assay of samples sent to London, but, the letter of 'A Shareholder' (afterwards, wrongly addressed to Monday morning's newspaper, instead of to the Board of Directors) elicited the publication of the actual analysis, and confidence was at once partially restored.

That some of the weaker holders, however, saw the doubtful ground they stood on and what a really adverse report might mean to them, and have been selling out at gradual declines.

That the analysis should, in point of fact, have rather strengthened the share than otherwise, it having corroborated, within a fraction, the first report on the cross 100, and with the shortly-expected announcement of actual working of the supposed-to-be-rich main dock, there will probably be a complete regain of confidence and a smart reaction in the value of the shares.

That prospects are not in the least altered, and if the shares were worth 17, to confident parties this day last week they are equally so still, and the shares obtainable at present rates may therefore be expected to be quickly picked up.

That another writer to the papers (yours of Thursday) on matters best addressed to the General Managers, or reserved for the meeting (taking, in the meantime, the opinions and promised action of other shareholders) will probably find that he has defeated his purpose by his precipitancy.

BROWNIE.

Launch of a Spanish Cruiser at Hung Hom.

The launching of a small cruiser from the Hung Hom establishment of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. this afternoon marks an era in the history of shipbuilding in Hongkong. Hitherto, the shipbuilders in this Colony have mainly confined themselves to the most remunerative branch of their business, that of repairing, contesting themselves when opportunity offered, with building steam launches, and now and then a small merchant steamer. Recently, however, with the extension of the Dock Co.'s premises and the increase of their plant, which is, perhaps, now as complete, though not so extensive, as can be found anywhere—the management has become more ambitious, and as the first effort of its newly-developed ambition it has essayed the construction of a man-of-war, which is without doubt the most elaborate form of naval architecture. Of course, it cannot be said that the management has succeeded, as its work in this particular direction has not yet been tested, but, judging by what has been accomplished by the Company in the past and the appearance, so far, of the vessel which first floated on the billowy wave this afternoon, there seems every probability of their latest effort turning out fully as successful as anything they have done in the past.

As befitting the occasion there was an inspiring ceremony performed before launching the vessel, but before giving a report of the proceedings, a description of the vessel itself.

The *Filipinas* for such the vessel has been named has been built to the order of the Government of Manila, and is to be paid for by public subscriptions, raised at the instance of the Bishop of Manila. She is a twin-screw steel ram cruiser, and will resemble the well known *Souf* class of the Spanish Navy, with the exception that she will not be fitted with torpedo tubes. These may be fitted in hereafter. She is a vessel of 475 registered tons, and her principal dimensions are—

Length, over all ... 186 feet 6 inches.
Breadth, ... 23 " 6 "
Depth, moulded, ... 18 " 6 "
Draught, when fully armed, 10 feet.

She will carry two steel masts, the fore and main masts being 62 and 66 feet high, respectively above the level of the rail, and will be schooner-rigged. Her engines are of the compound surface condensing type, the cylinders being 15 and 30 inches respectively, the piston having a stroke of 18 inches; and when working at full speed will give an indicated horse power of 650, the estimated or rather guaranteed speed being twelve knots. Steam will be supplied from two steel boilers 8 feet 9 inches high by 9 feet 6 inches, built to withstand a working pressure of 120 pounds; and the boilers will be heated by six furnaces, three to each boiler. The boilers are completely protected by the boilermakers, which adds considerably to the fighting strength of the vessel. The hull of the vessel is occupied with accommodation for the captain, officers and crew, magazines and stores. Aft on the lower-deck is the magazine, which will be fitted, like the rest of the ship, with the electric light, so that there will be no fear of fire or explosion. Above that, on the tween decks, the Captain's and officers' quarters, which are both roomy and airy; and above again are a store-room and the small arms magazine, with the officers' mess room between. Proceeding forward, we find the galley just above the boilers, and directly above that again is the bridge, which will be covered in with an awning, and will be used as a store-room, the 'tween decks, the Captain's and officers' quarters, affording accommodation for 9 officers, pantries and dispensary, while the fore part of the forecastle will afford accommodation to sailors and firemen. As we have said the vessel will be fitted throughout with the electric light; and she will also be fitted throughout with pipes for flooding any of the compartments in case of fire; the pipes being led from the engine-room and sea as well. She is divided into six watertight compartments, the first bulkhead being at the forecastle, the second at the fore quarter, one on each side of the boiler and engine-rooms, and an intermediate one, the engine-room bulkhead being the only one fitted with doors. She has the usual complement of dozen officers, engineers, poms, &c., and will be fitted with one of Cossarine's patent safety boilers for steam for working the electric light and pumps.

Her armament, we believe, will consist of three 8-ton broadside guns, of 6-inches, and a number of smaller guns. One broadside will be mounted on a raised platform at the fore part of the bows, and this gun will have a range of 180 degrees, and a half circle. The other broadsides will be mounted in sponsons amidships, one on each side, the bulkheads in front of them being lowered when in action, in order to allow of the guns being fired at a low range. Nordenfors' guns will also be fitted in the tops of the mainmasts and on the bridge. Her armament will also be considered a formidable part of her offensive power. Its projection is four feet from the perpendicular line of her stem, and is scarcely suspected when the vessel is drawing her full draught. For landing and lifeboat purposes, she carries five boats, one of which is a steam launch.

The construction of the *Filipinas* was signed in March last, but, of course, her keel was not laid down for some months later, so that she has been on the stocks somewhat less than six months; and if nothing unforeseen occurs, she will be wholly completed in about six weeks time. When completed she will be commanded by Mr Angel Lopez, Lieutenant of the Spanish Navy, of the first class, who is at present acting here as Spanish Consul.

We believe the contract price for the hull and machinery alone is \$120,000.

By invitation of Mr D. Gillies, the Secretary of the Company, a large party of ladies and gentlemen proceeded to the Docks shortly after four o'clock this afternoon, in the Company's tug *Pilot Fish*, to witness the ceremony of launching the vessel. The afternoon was dull and cold, and there might have been more present, especially the *Pilot Fish*, as there were 20 invitations.

This concluded the ceremony, and the company returned with the *Pilot Fish* and various launches to Hongkong.

During the day, Mr G. Caldwell photographed the vessel while she was on the stocks from two positions.

about a hundred. Among those who were present were H. E. Vice-Admiral Hamilton, a naval member of the Legislative Council, and a considerable number of naval officers. Besides those who journeyed to the launch in the *Pilot Fish*, quite a following of ladies and gentlemen, and the launch took place there were at least three or four hundred of the European community present and a large number of Chinese, mostly workmen. A few minutes after the launch was completed the vessel was hoisted by the bows of the ship, the Rev. Evaristo Torres, Procurator of the Dominican mission, performing the ceremony of consecration. The order was then given to 'let go,' and as the vessel glided over the waves, Miss Moran named the vessel the *Filipinas*, breaking the bottle of champagne over the bows in the orthodox manner amid the plaudits of those on board. The vessel glided into the water very gracefully and her appearance when launched was the subject of general admiration. The Company themselves will be the first to profit by the name of the vessel, when it is in full sail.

When the case was again called this morning, Mr Lister, who had a seat on the bench beside the Master, said—'My son was called yesterday. He sent his nephew, or his cousin to appear for him, who said the defendant was sick. I could get evidence to show that at 10 a.m. yesterday, a quarter of an hour before the case was called, defendant was walking about the street.

Defendant said that in the morning he could not walk at all. He had diarrhoea, and he had sent his nephew up to the Court.

Mr. Lister.—At a quarter to eleven o'clock he was walking about and at a quarter to twelve his nephew appeared and says he is sick.

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Allen, Capt.	3	Kelly, Capt.	1
Allen, E. L. B.	2	Krebs, Dr.	1
Arina, A.	1	Lamberts, Dr.	1
Barker, W.	1	Lindell, B.	1
Boynton, D.	1	Lawrie, E. C.	1
Blatner, A.	2	Lichard,	1
Brackenridge, Mr.	2	Liversidge, Prof.	1
Brown, Mrs.	1	Loong, Cheng.	1
Carson, J.	1	Marin, J.	1
Carvalho, F. P. C.	1	Morale, J.	1
Chow, We Gow	1	Mulock, Dr. E. R.	1
Clair, M. S.	1	Newcombe, D. B.	1
Clare, R.	1	Richardson, Capt.	1
Collart, M.	1	Rutherford, Dr.	1
Conrad, F. C.	1	Peterson, R. G.	1
Cordeiro & Co.	1	Pitch, N.	1
Cowles, F. L.	1	Platt, C. C.	1
Craven, T.	1	Plinton, Mr.	1
Crimond, G.	1	Pryce, Mrs. R.	1
Ebrahim, M. E.	1	Ranck, J. C. L.	1
Evans, G. E.	2	Reeves, Mr.	1
Fletcher, Chas.	4	Rodger, H.	1
Gibson, W.	2	Schmidt, C. H.	1
Gibson, C.	1	Siner, Geo. H.	1
Giles, T.	2	Smith, G.	1
Glover, W. H.	1	Smith, R. F. J. J.	1
Gedlin, E.	1	Stern, A.	1
Gibson, J.	2	Stevens, Rev. A.	1
Hanson, J.	1	Stewart, J.	1
Haw Shing	1	Sutcliffe, F.	1
Herd, J.	1	Swind, E.	1
Hart, D. W.	1	Tariss, W. S.	2
Harrison, M.	2	Thompson, W.	1
Capt. E. A.	1	Thomson, M.	2
Holland, Wm.	3	Trichterberg, T.	1
Hood, Mr.	1	Ussher, L.	1
Hudson, L.	1	Ward, Mrs.	1
Capt. J. J.	1	Wells, M.	1
Hughes,	1	Wellington, Mr.	1
Major H. M.	1	Wells, G.	1
Jones, E.	1	Woo, Yiu Koo.	1
Johnston, Capt.	1	Wurmb, Miss.	1
Joy, H.	1	Wyllie, W. B.	1
Jones, L. E.	1	Winkworth, G.	1
Kellogg, L. O.	1	Winkworth, S. D.	1
Kennedy, Mrs.	1		
Kerr, T.	1		

DETAINED.

Dick, Mrs. J.	Greenock.	1	parcels.
Gray, Miss.	McBirney.	1	parcels.
Hodgson, Miss.	London.	1	parcels.
Wilton, Mrs.	Aberdeen.	1	parcels.

For Merchant Ships.

Let. Par.

Alkins	1	Hein	1
Alkins	2	J. D. Peter	1
Amphitrite	1	J. D. Peters	1
Bentoo	1	Jessie Benwick	1
Bernausa, s.s.	1	John Threlkell	1
Billy Simpson	1	Lady Linger	1
Cain Robertson	1	Lambert	3
Canceller	1	Lazier	1
Chin Chou	1	Leander	1
Chin Chou	1	Lazon	1
Daniel I. Lenny	1	Lazon, a.s.	2
Deochella, s.s.	1	Martini Davis	1
Dewa Rose, of	1	Medusa	3
Devon	1	Nagato Maru, a.s.	1
Despider, s.s.	2	Narcissus, a.s.	1
E. J. Spence	3	Obstergaard	2
Edward May	1	Osberg	1
F. H. Parker	1	Pedro, s.s.	1
Nicholson	2	Pembard	2
Fine, 14	4	Pina Filomena	1
Empedocles	1	Sin Kolpa	1
Fernlower, s.s.	1	Spartan, South. Chief	5
Fritellanza	1	Spartan, S. C.	1
Fred. P. Littlefield	1	Spire, the Ago.	1
Galaite	1	St. Lucia	2
Glenelg Castle	1	Taric, s.s.	1
Globe	11	Tiber, 1.	1
H. Brown	2	Viceregal, s.s.	3
Holloway	1	Walter Siegfried	1
Hovarster	1		

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Lucretius Catilina.	
Mancunian Guardian.	
National Budget.	
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